Subject: ANA collection of WWI medals

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Dear Mr Dorone:

The inclosed from last evening's Albany Journal may interest you. It would almost seem that the American Numismatic Society should be the one to undertake such a project. I am not familiar with the A — N — Association.

Very truly yours.

Isaac H. Vrooman Jr.

COLLECTION OF WAR MEDALS BEING MADE

City Historian Reynolds Has Received Request for Tokens Issued in Albany

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The state secretary of the American Numismatic association, John M. Connor, jr., of Woodwild, Metuchen, N. J., is engaged in completing a collection of the various kinds of medals bestowed upon those who served in the World War, in order that there may be a record for the use of future generations.

This is an undertaking requiring considerable effort and no end of indefatigable work on the part of the person attempting it. The medals are, of course, of almost endless variety, scattered throughout the country; but by cordial co-operation good results may be expected.

Albany Medals Sought.

A letter has been received in this city requesting a representation of the medals issued locally for this collection, and it seems difficult for compliance, for although only a few years have passed since these medals were issued, it is almost impossible to locate any of them now, yet this notice may bring them to light and assist Cuyler Reynolds, Albany city historian, to obtain results, unless communication is held directly with Mr. Connor.

The letter from Mr. Connor to Mr. Reynolds reads:

"To the end that there may be a permanent record of reference for future generations of the medals given to those who served in the uniformed forces of the United States, 1917-19, your interest and cooperation is solicited.

"The value of the published work to the members of the American Legion, and as a contribution to Numismatic history, will depend largely on its completeness. To secure this it is necessary to secure the help of those to whom this letter is addressed.

"If it is possible, therefore, through your courtsey to obtain one of the medals issued by Albany, it will be highly appreciated.

"Trusting that if you had no part in the distribution of the medals yourself, you will be so kind as to see that his letter reaches the proper authority, I am,

Very truly your,
JOHN M. CONNOR, jr.
Metuchen, N. J.

Valuable Addition.

Accompanying this letter is one from Foster H. Hahm, adjutant of Fugle Hummer Post, No. 65, of Metuchen, N. J., stating:

"As a valuable addition to the archives of the World War of particular interest to those who served, it is a pleasure to endorse the meritorious work undertaken by John M. Connor, jr. It is hoped that those in a position to assist, will give their complete and hearty cooperation."

James H. Manning, who was chairman of the committee on medals for Albany at the close of the World War, sailed for South America on July 12, to be gone several months, which precludes assistance from that source for some time at least.

"It seems unfortunate that people do not consider at the time of an event the importance of placing one side a sample for record purpose, for not even the Albany Institute and Historical and Art society has preserved one of the Albany medals for preservation and public service," says City Historian Reynolds.